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SUBJ: DEPSEC VISIT; GNZ POSITION PACIFIC NUCLEAR
FREE ZONE AND DIEGO GARCIA

REF: A) WELLINGTON 372 (PARA 4); B) WELLINGTON 374

1. I SAW PM KIRK AND SECFONAFF CORNER BRIEFLY AND
SEPARATELY FEB 14.

2. PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE (PNFZ). I SUGGESTED TO PM
THAT HE NOT PUSH US UNILATERALLY ON THIS ISSUE AS IT WOULD
ALSO REQUIRE USSR TO MAKE ENFORCEABLE AGREEMENT WHICH
SEEMED UNLIKELY. I ALSO EXPLAINED NECESSITY STRENGTHENING
DIEGO GARCIA IN VIEW INCREASED SOVIET PRESENCE IN AREA
AND PROBABLE OPENING SUEZ. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NOT TIME
FOR DISCUSSION, KIRK APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND.

3. LATER, CORNER EXPLAINED GNZ POSITION WAS TO PUT
FORWARD PNFZ PROPOSAL TO WHICH SMALLER POWERS IN AREA
COULD SUBSCRIBE, BUT WITH UNDERSTANDING US COULD NOT
UNLESS "OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS" ALSO AGREED. I SAID IT
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COULD BE AWKWARD FOR US IF GNZ PUBLICLY PUT FORWARD

SUCH A PROPOSAL. CORNER SAID PM MIGHT RAISE IT AT ANZUS MEETING OR DURING BILATERALS AND THEN IT COULD BE THRASHED OUT.

4. RE DIEGO GARCIA (REF B), CORNER NOTED KIRK HAD SPOKEN OF GNZ SUPPORT FOR INDIAN OCEAN AS ONE OF PEACE, AND BUILD UP OF ANY NATIONS MILITARY PRESENCE NOT WEL-COMED. HIS REMARKS WERE INTENDED TO APPLY TO USSR AS WELL AS US.

5. COMMENT: SINCE GNZ UNDER KIRK FITS ITS POLICY PRETTY WELL WITH ANZUS AND NIXON DOCTRINE WITH CAVEAT THAT GNZ WISHES TO APPEAR INDEPENDENT, ESPECIALLY ON MILITARY AND NUCLEAR ISSUES, I BELIEVE IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE US POSITION CLEAR TO KIRK (WHICH I BELIEVE HE UNDERSTANDS) WITHOUT MAKING THESE MATTERS A BIG ISSUE IN TALKS. TO DO SO WOULD ONLY CAUSE IRRITATION WITH OUR ANZUS PARTNER, N.Z., AND IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE KIRK'S PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO MAJOR POWER CONFRONTATIONS, ESPECIALLY NUCLEAR.
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